



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 2

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Re: Draft Lower Passaic River Interim Remedy Feasibility Study Engineering Assumptions

Dear Dr. Law:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed the Cooperating Parties Group's (CPG) *Draft Lower Passaic River Interim Remedy Feasibility Study Engineering Assumptions* (LPR IR FS) received on December 11, 2018. EPA (via Army Corps of Engineers) and partner agency, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) provided comments on January 08, 2019. The CPG submitted a response to comments on January 28, 2019.

EPA finds the CPG's responses to comments from January 28, 2019 acceptable for continued FS development. EPA requests that, prior to the remedial design, the CPG revisit site access and excavated material transport assumptions once areas within RM 13.9 to RM 14.9 are identified for land-based removal. EPA is requesting this as land-based removal access and material transport will likely be dependent on the specific targeted removal area. EPA approves the *Draft LPR IR FS Engineering Assumptions* pursuant to Paragraph 44(b) of the Agreement. If there are any questions, please contact me to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane Salkie", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Diane Salkie, Remedial Project Manager
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Enclosure

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